

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry program days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. They are clearly not serving my interests, nor what I believe to be the public interest, and certainly not the interest of a fair and democratic election process with this massive pre-emption. We need for the FCC and the FEC to make a strong stand for our democracy on this issue. It's far more important that we see real people from our own communities, more substantive news about issues that matter, and a redistribution of media ownership that is representative of our republic.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.